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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 08/981,461	Applicant(s) Feldbau et al.
	Examiner Paul Callahan	Group Art Unit 2767

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to Amendment of 8/18/00

The allowed claim(s) is/are 64-66, 68-98, 100-127, 129-140, 142-150, and 152-157

The drawings filed on 12/23/97 are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Pursuant to the telephonic interview conducted with Applicant's Representative on August 17, 2000 and the amendment received in this office August 21, 2000, the rejections of the claims found in the previous final Office Action have been overcome by the Amendment.

Claims

1. Claims 64-161 were pending in this case, claims 67, 99, 128, 141, 151, and 158-161 have been canceled. The remaining claims have been examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 64-66, 68-98, 100-127, 129-140, 142-150, and 152-157 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art, singly and in combination, does not teach the apparatus of the Applicant where means are found to provide a set A comprising a plurality of information elements, and where at least one means for securing comprises a means for generating a new set B, in the manner of the Applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the Examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (703) 305-1336. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Tod Swann, can be reached at (703) 308-7791.

The fax number for Formal or Official faxes to Technology Center 2700 is (703) 308-9051 or 9052. Draft or Informal faxes for this Art Unit can be submitted to (703) 305-0040.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

8/23/00




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